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From Miſt's Weekly Journal, Octob. 22.

THey write from Petersburg, That it was reſolved by the Czarina and her Council, to continue all the Seamen upon Pay this Winter, and to engage as many more as could be had; who were all to be lodged in Barracks till the Spring, in order to be ready, whenever the Government ſhall think it adviſable, to enter upon ſome Expedition. In the mean time they are employed in working upon Cordage, while others are to work in the Docks, where there are ſeveral new Ships upon the Stocks. There is alſo to be a conſiderable Augmentation of the Land-forces, and 40 new Regiments completed againſt next Spring.

Our laſt Letters from Berlin bring an Account, of a Defenſive Alliance entred into betwixt th'Emperor and the King of Pruſſia, the Articles whereof are made publick; beſides which, 'tis ſaid there is a ſecret Article.

London, Oct. 22. His Majeſty comes to St. James's on Monday; their Royal Highneſſes, to Leiceſter-houſe Tomorrow.

'Tis ſaid the Spaniſh Ambaſſador has delivered a Memorial to the Court; and that the Spence Snow, which ſailed the 12th Inſt. from Spithead for the W. Indies, carries freſh Orders for Admiral Hoſier.

Mr. Miſt,

I Am an Inhabitant in a certain Pariſh not far from *Weſtminſter*, which not many Years ago obtained the Favour of rebuilding their Church at their own Charge; which by a Pound-rate harged on the Pariſhioners, is now completed, and ready to be opened.

I punctually and honeſtly paid what was allotted me as my Proportion towards rebuilding the ſame, as I have done, for many Years, all all other Dues and Aſſeſſments that could legally be charged on me, and am ready to continue in ſo doing without murmuring: But ſure, a Man has a Right to ſpeak, when he thinks himſelf, and the Community to which he belongs, leſed.

'Tis to you therefore I make my Complaint, which I hope will not be thought an unreaſonable one, either by you or any one, but ſuch who (blinded by Self-Intereſt) are the very Actors of what I complain of,

To come then to the point: I muſt acquaint you, that the Trade of Buying and Selling is not confin'd to the narrow Limits of *Change Alley*; for, not long ſince, going to claim a Seat in the new built Church abovementioned, which I thought I had Right to, having paid my Quota towards erecting and compleating this new Temple, and complied in the ſtricteſt Manner with the Act for rebuilding the ſame: I was ask'd by the *Brokers* placed there for that Purpoſe, what Price I would go to for a Seat? Whether three, four, or five Guineas? which very much ſurpriz'd me, not imagining ſuch a Queſtion would have been ſtarted; but, recovering my Surprize, and being deſirous to be acquainted with theſe new propoſed Terms, I deſired to know for what Time I was to enjoy the Seat if I made a Purchaſe; and found it was for no longer than I continued in the Pariſh.

Now I am credibly informed, that this new Invention or rather Bubble, will raiſe a pretty large Sum (for what Uſe I cannot tell, unleſs to feed the Ravens) and that in a Pew which will barely hold ten People to ſit decently, there is above twice the Number of Places Lett; ſo that if a Perſon happens to come late, there will be no Room for him. There are other contingent Expences which are very neceſſary to be paid, if a Perſon would be uſed with Civility when going to divine Worſhip; ſuch as follow, viz. to the Sexton for a Key 2 ſh. 6 d. for his Civility Money in letting you in to another Seat, when he hath filled your own, at leaſt 6 d. *cum multis aliis.*

Whether they have any legal Authority to ſupport them in this Project, I leave it to thoſe of better Skill than my ſelf to determine, Many are the Injured, but (I believe) the Gainers few. I cannot help thinking, that it will be of great Advantage to to the Income of the famous ORATOR in *Newport Market*. I hope you will excuſe all Defects herein, and believe that I am not an Enemy either

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to the Church or my Fellow Parishioners. If you think this my Complaint worthy of a Place in your Paper, I hope you will not neglect it: But if your great Zeal for the Church and its Officers should plead in their Behalf, and prevail upon you to screen their Faults, by smothering this, I must make my Application to some other of your Brethren. I wish you all Happiness, and am,

Your constant Reader, &c.

PHILO-PAROCHÆ.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 22.

Paris, Oct. 18. There was some Days ago in the District of Lomages, within the Diocese of Auch, so terrible a Storm of Wind and Rain, that the new sow'd Corn was entirely destroyed, almost all the Trees torn up by the Root, and the Roofs of Houses blown off; insomuch that the Calamity was general. A considerable Village near Perrones was absolutely reduc'd to Ashes by an accidental Fire; the Loss is said to be very great. The Vines in the Hill Country of Aunix, and what is called the *Generality* of Ro, yielded so well this Year, that the Crop equalled what they commonly gather one Year with another. This is the only Province of this Kingdom that hath been blessed with such Plenty. The Wine-Merchants of Liege give such an exorbitant Price for the Wines of Upper Britanny, that those of France can buy none for this City. On the 12th of next Month our India Company will expose to Sale the Merchandices imported by their 3 Ships, the Duke de Chartres, the Neptune, and the Apollo. They expect four more from Bengal, Pondichery and China.

London, Oct. 22. Towards the End of the next Week, the Corpse of the late Duke of Portland will be interred in Westminster Abbey from the Jerusalem Chamber.

On the 20th Inst. arrived in the Downs the Providence, Captain Chase, from Malaga, who in her Passage saw the 4 Men of War under Admiral Hopson cruising off Cape Finisterre.

S. S. Stock 99, 7 8ths. Annuities ditto, 93, 3 4ths. India, 135, 3 4ths. Bank, 120, 1 half. York Buildings, 10.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Oct. 22.

Milan, Oct. 5. The Magistrates and Burghers of this City, have agreed to make a Present to the Emperor, of a Free Gift of 100,000 Florins; they are at 100 Crowns Charge every Day, to defray the Expences of the Deputies of the Grisons who are here; nevertheless 'tis not expected that their Capitulation or Treaty will soon be signed, the Imperial Court insisting, that they shall not furnish Troops to a certain Prince, to which they will not consent.

Hague, Oct. 23. They write from Vienna, that great Rejoicings have been made there, on account of the Electors of Bavaria and Cologn acceding to the Treaty of Vienna; and they expected that several more Electors will accede thereto.

London, Oct. 21. They write from Rome, that his Grace the Duke of Beaufort, was set out from thence for Naples, to see the Curiosities in that Kingdom. The Baltick Squadron under the Command of Admiral Wager is expected here the beginning of next Month.

'Tis said that by a Scheme, which is intended to be laid before the Parliament, it will appear that our Woollen Goods may be sold to the Foreign Markets, thirty per Cent. cheaper than at present, if the Encouragement to be proposed is granted by the Legislature.

We find by private Letters from the Country, that the late Phœnomenon was seen at Exeter, Bristol, Glocester, Canterbury, and several other Towns, as well as Paris, Brussels, &c.

The Place of one of the Coal Metters of this City vacant by the Death of Sir Samuel Ongley, was on Wednesday last sold by the Committee of City Land to Thomas Hawes of the Pay Office, Esq; for 4000 L. and 51 Guineas.

From the Daily Journal, October. 22.

Petersburg, Oct. 8. Since the Departure of the British and Danish Squadrons, our whole Naval Armament is laid up. 'Tis said the Seamen will be employed for a while in digging a new Canal for Pleasure Boats, &c. Letters from our commanding Officer in Persia give an Account, That the Forces of the Sultan Esref Successor to Meriweys, grows very formidable; and therefore he desired that a Reinforcement might be sent him in Time, to prevent a Surprize.

Vienna, Oct. 12. Yesterday an Express was sent to Count Wratislaw, our Minister at the Polish Diet, with some important Dispatches. The Affair of an Union betwixt the Trieste and Ostend Companies is now under Consideration at this Court, as an Affair of great Importance to Trade.

Hamburg, Oct. 22. Several Workmen are employed in cleaning the Ground of the Soil brought upon the same by the late Inundation of the Sea.

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London, Oct. 22. Yesterday came up the following high Prizes at Guildhall, *viz.* No. 3954, 3000 L. No. 15152, & No. 8505; 500 l. each.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, October 25.

LEtters from Berlin say, that on the 7th Inst. a Courier was sent to Grodno with Dispatches for the Prussian Minister there, relating, as is supposed, to the Affairs of the Protestants in Poland; which, 'tis feared, will hardly terminate in an amicable Accommodation.

Mean time we are told, that the Proposals which the Court of G. Britain lately made to that of Vienna, for adjusting the Religious Differences, were much approved by the chief Ministers: But whether this will have the desir'd Effect, we leave to Time to discover. Mean-while there is no great Likelihood of any amicable Accommodation with Spain, so long as the Emperor presides over her Councils. 'Tis said among the rest, that the King of Spain has permitted the Pretender to send a Person whom he shall think fit to nominate, to reside at Madrid as his Minister.

They write from Dublin, That on Sunday the 16th Inst. a Man came dress'd like a Highlander of Scotland into the Dissenting Meeting-house at Newry, and after some Continuance there, got up on a sudden, and cried out with a loud Voice, *God save King James* III. *of England, and* VIII. *of Scotland!* adding these Words, *God bless and prosper the King of Spain, and all his Friends!* Upon which a Gentleman who stood near him was so enraged, that he gave him a Kick and tumbled him out of the Gallery upon the Stairs, where he was immediately seized, in order to be dealt with according to his Offence.

Two Men of War are ordered hence to join the the Squadron under Admiral Hosier before Porto Bello, from whence the rich South Sea Ship the *Royal George* sailed under a Convoy appointed by the foresaid Admiral the Beginning of August last, and arrived at Jamaica the 22d of the same, tho' she was very leaky, and her Bows much Worm-eaten; but it was hoped she might be made capable of proceeding home, under the Convoy of the Kingsale Man of War. 'Tis said the Inhabitants of Jamaica are providing themselves against a War, which they look upon as in a Manner unavoidable. The Names of the two above Men of War are the Tiger and Portland, and are fitting up with all Expedition, which is thought to be done on Account of the Spaniards having lately sent several of their Men of War to the West Indies.

Admiral Jennings is arrived at Portsmouth with 5 Men of War, the rest are left under the Command of Admiral Hopson in the Mediterranean; towards which Coasts his Catholick Majesty, according to the Advices just arrived, has ordered 30,000 Men to march and Guard them from the Insults which may be made by the English; 'tis added that divers Men of War are building in the Harbours of Spain. From Vienna we are told, That the Imperial Troops have Orders to march to the Polish Frontiers, which occasions much Speculation.

They write from Grodno, that there is little Appearance of any Satisfaction being had with Respect to the Affair of Thorn.

We hear the Lord Finch is appointed to go forthwith Envoy Extr. to the King of Prussia. The great Prize of 20,000 L. lately drawn, belongs to Mr. Goodwin a Surgeon, and one of the Aldermen of Lyn-Regis in Northfolk, and the 10,000 L. Prize which came up Yesterday to 26706, belongs to Mr. Bryan at the Customhouse, Son to the Reverend Mr. Bryan of Harrow. The Earl of Finlater is arrived at Edinburgh, in order to Install D. Hamilton Knight Companion of the most Noble Order of the Thistle, in Room of Earl Cadogan. Next Thursday the Lord Chief Baron Pingelly will take his Place in the Court of Exchequer, there is some Talk as if Judge Powis will resign, and also that Judge Tracy will do the like. We hear the Parliament will not meet before the 10th of January for the Dispatch of Business.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 25.

Copenhagen, Oct. 19. The British Squadron under Admiral Wager arrived in our Road last Night. 'Tis expected ours will arrive Tomorrow. The Royal Princess was this Day brought to Bed of a Princess.

Paris, Oct. 25. 'Tis much talked here that the Queen is with Child.

Hanover, Oct. 25. An extraordinary fine Coach is to be made here for the K. of G. Britain, and must be ready against next Summer.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Oct. 25.

Hamburg, Oct. 5. 'Tis said the Court of Vienna has made Propositions to those of Paris and London, and

and that they are to elect what Place they please in Germany for a Congress.

London, *Oct.* 25. On Sunday-night last a Bookseller was seized in St. James's Park, being charged with having uttered some seditious Words against the Government.

We hear that the Chevalier has resolved to send Mr. Murray, Brother to Mrs. Hay, to Madrid as his Resident at that Court.

They write from Scotland, That Proposals are set on foot there for improving the Linen Manufacture and Fishery of that Kingdom, pursuant to his Majesty's Letter to the Royal Burrows, *viz.* That Encouragement shall be given for the former, as follows; That Hemp and Flax-Seed shall be given *gratis* to sow in every Country; and to allow Prizes in each County, to be divided amongst the best Spinners every Year; also, That a certain Sum be allowed for encouraging Foreign Bletchers to come and settle in Scotland.

That for encouraging the Fishery, a certain Premium *per* Ton be allowed the Merchant or Fisher who carry out Vessels in proper Seasons, and fish in the deep Seas at a proper Distance, in regard that the least Storm or hard Winds renders it impracticable for small Boats to keep out.

From the Daily Journal, *Oct.* 25.

Berlin, *Oct.* 8. Yesterday a Courier was sent to Grodno with Dispatches for our Minister. 'Tis reported his Instructions relate chiefly to the Protestants in Poland; and we are assured his Majesty, to shew the sincere Regard he has to their Cause, has ordered that the R. Catholick Incomes belonging to the Cloister of Hamerslaben, be restored back to them, and all Things put upon the former Foot, pursuant to what was lately proposed to the Senate of Warsaw.

Edinburgh, *Oct.* 31. On Saturday Morning last his Excellency General Wade went hence for England, and is to review the Welsh Foziliers at Glasgow, and a Regiment of Dragoons at Air *en passant*.

That Night his Grace the Duke of Gordon came to Town from the North.

Yesterday was the Anniversary of the Birth of his R. Highness the Prince of Wales, on which Occasion the Castle fired a Round.

This Day his Grace the Duke of Hamilton is to be Installed at the Abbey of Holy-rood-house.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

§ That if the Creditors of George Winram of Eymouth do not produce their Interests upon the Estate of Eymouth, in the Hands of the Clerk to the Ranking and Sale depending before the Lords of Session, on or before the Fifteenth Day of November 1726; That the Decreet of Certification for not Production of Interests will be extracted and taken out the 16th of the said Month. There has been great Indulgence given to the Creditors to produce their Interests, but no further will be allowed than the said Day.

Fishery Office, *Oct.* 18, 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Copartnery are to Expose to publick Sale at their Office on *Tuesday* the FIRST DAY of November next, at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates for the Encouragement of Bidders, viz. — One Lot, containing 7 C. 1 Qr. 23 lb. Coils and Pieces of new Ropes, at 25 sh. per Hundred —— One ditto, containing 4 new Herring-Nets at 12. 15 sterl. each Net —— Eight ditto containing 110 undreis'd Nets, at 8 sh. sterl. each Net —— Utensils for a Twine work per Inventary, to be set up at L. 8. 00. 0. sterl. —— Ditto, for the Cod-fishing as per Inventary, to be set up at L. 10. 0. 0. sterl. —— Ditto for a Barking-house per ditto, to be set up at L. 10. 0. 0.

The above Goods will be shewn at Leith by *David Dees* the Copartnery's Agent; and the Inventary and Articles of Roup, at the Copartnery's Office in the Lawn-market.

¶ The Trustees of the Creditors of the Right Honourable the Earl of NORTHESK, hereby appoint a General Meeting of the Creditors to be held on the Fifteenth of November next, at 3 a clock after Noon, in John's Coffee-house: Where the Trustees are to lay before the Creditors what Steps they have made in the Management of the Affairs committed to them, and will explain what Causes it is owing to that greater Progress has not been made therein; to the end the Creditors may apply the proper Remedy, and come to such Resolutions as may enable the Trustees to proceed in the further Management of their Affairs with greater Benefit to the Creditors, and with less Trouble and Loss of Time to the Trustees.

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N. B. The 3d Quarter of the 7th Year commenced the 25th Inst. Therefore the Author of this Paper hopes, that the Noblemen, Gentlemen, *&c.* who are provided with the same, will be pleased to order the Payment of the Arrears, together with the current Quarter, as they would expect to be punctually served.